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SUBJECT: Eligibility and Enrollment Report for November 1, 2004

The report location:

<http://www.ahcccs.state.az.us/Statistics/>

- The AHCCCS population as of November 1, 2004 was 1,047,448. This figure does not include Healthcare Group of 12,203 or the SLMB/Qualified Individuals of 21,604. By including these populations, the total AHCCCS population would be 1,081,255.
- Below is a summary of the total AHCCCS population:

	3/1/04	4/1/04	5/1/04	6/1/04	7/1/04	8/1/04	9/1/04	10/1/04	11/1/04
AHCCCS Acute	856,576	850,649	852,204	862,537	865,517	883,358	917,148	938,820	959,370
KidsCare	51,270	50,894	50,459	50,373	49,968	49,591	49,148	48,171	47,941
ALTCS	38,668	38,879	38,946	39,094	39,141	39,454	39,720	39,975	40,137
Total Population	946,514	940,422	941,609	952,004	954,626	972,403	1,006,016	1,026,966	1,047,448

- From October 1, 2004 to November 1, 2004, the population increased 20,482 or 2%. For the third consecutive month the population increased significantly because of DES' realignment in their workload to annual reviews.
- The major decreases in the AHCCCS population from October 1st, 2004 to November 1st, 2004 were:
 - 230 KidsCare
 - 1,089 AHCCCS for Families and Children
- The major factor contributing to the decrease in the KidsCare population was the implementation of premiums for families with incomes from 100% to 150% of the Federal Poverty Level effective July 1, 2004. Even though these premiums were \$10 for one child and \$15 for two or more children.
- The major increases in the AHCCCS population from October 1st, 2004 to November 1st, 2004 were:
 - 5,654 SOBRA Child
 - 4,411 AHCCCS Care
 - 3,977 1931 Related

- 3,097 Federal Emergency Services
NOTE: The eligibility requirements were changed 7/1/02 for the Emergency Services program. Recipients are no longer required to have an emergency episode in order to be eligible, which is the reason for the dramatic increase beginning 8/02. However, only emergency medical services will be covered by AHCCCS, thus, there should not be a high dollar increase in the program.
 - 1,983 Transitional Medicare Assistance (TMA)
 - 1,195 SSI
- The majority of the growth in SOBRA Child and 1931 Related was due to a computer change made by DES that reclassified Newborns (babies under age 1 from the 1931 category to the 1931 Related and SOBRA Child. This switch also could account for the decrease in the 1931 category of AHCCCS for Families with Children, which had continually increased since 4/04. There will continue to be a shift of Newborns from 1931 to the 1931 Related category and SOBRA Child both of which include the newborn categories. This change in classification was done to try to ensure that newborns are not erroneously discontinued when other members of the baby's family lose eligibility for some reason that does not impact the baby's 12-month guarantee period, which is granted when a baby is born to an eligible Title XIX mother. The baby is considered a "deemed newborn" and the federal government mandates 12 months of coverage.
 - This shift in the category of newborns, however, did not cause the 20,000 growth in the AHCCCS population. The growth over the past three months is because fewer members were discontinued for failing the redetermination of eligibility process as the populations due for redetermination was spread out over a twelve-month period rather than the six-month period.
 - The AHCCCS for Parents (HIFA) category for KidsCare and SOBRA Children was implemented effective January 1st, 2003. The enrollment is 11,951: 11,177 (94%) KidsCare Parents and 774 (6%) SOBRA Parents.
 - January 1, 2003 also marked the implementation of the Freedom to Work (FTW) Program. Freedom to Work has a current population of 585 of which 570 are Acute Care and 15 are Long Term Care.
 - There were 77 discrepancies between the number of individuals eligible and the number enrolled. Capitation adjustments have been made.
 - Of the 1,007,311 Acute Care members (including KidsCare) the following are not eligible for full services:

Family Planning Services Only	7,359
Qualified Medicare Beneficiary Only	1,229
Federal Emergency Services	<u>76,260</u>
Total	84,848

(8.1% of Acute Care Population)

- The Medicare Cost Sharing programs in addition to QMB are:

	2/1/04	3/1/04*	4/1/04*	5/1/04*	6/1/04*	7/1/04*	8/1/04	9/1/04	10/1/04	11/1/04
Specified Low Income Medicare Beneficiaries (SLMB)	12,052	11,790	12,279	12,216	13,259	12,958	12,971	13,300	13,532	13,998
Qualified Individuals I	8,000	9,129	5,369	5,798	6,029	6,156	6,451	6,837	7,227	7,606
Total	20,052	20,919	17,648	18,014	19,288	19,114	19,422	20,137	20,759	21,604

*Beginning March 2004 figures may be inaccurate due to system conversion. Statistics will be updated when reporting feature is fully implemented in ACE.

The decrease in Qualified Individuals between March and April was due to members not completing the reapplication process.

If you have any questions concerning this report, please call me at 602-417-4590 or 1-800-654-8713 ext. 74590.

Attachments